

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 20. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	67.6	60.9	61.4	55.1	50.7	58.6
• Passed 2 subtests	15.9	15.7	17.0	21.1	22.6	20.4
• Passed 1 subtest	12.1	15.2	9.1	14.5	15.9	12.4
• Passed no subtests	4.3	8.1	12.5	9.2	10.8	8.6

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	13.5%	10.0%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	14.7%	10.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	47.6%	42.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	94.8%	13.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	62.5%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.1%	14.2%	
Gender			
Male	92.0%	13.7%	
Female	97.0%	13.4%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	93.0%	6.5%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	98.3%	32.6%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	91.7%	6.3%	
Pay for lunch	98.7%	22.7%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	42.5%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	50.7%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,291	N/A	\$5,781	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	94.4%	Up from 94.0%	88.9%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.0 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=958)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	58.7%	N/A	8.6%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	100.0%	Up from 98.1%	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	14.5%	Up from 11.6%	12.2%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=51)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.6 Days	Up from 6.4	8.2 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 96.6%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.9%	Up from 51.0%	41.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Down from 84.3%	73.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.9%	Up from 0.0%	4.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.8%	Down from 85.7%	83.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,628	Up 5.0%	\$36,902	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.6%	Up from 0.7%	2.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	48.8%	N/A	54.7%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	4.0	N/A	2.5	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	79.8%	N/A	64.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	18.4%	Down from 19.5%	12.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	31	N/A	35	29
• Gifted and talented	8.1%	Down from 12.5%	4.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Up from 8.4%	12.4%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.8%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	486	N/A	232	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	10.1%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

At Marion High School excellence is a tradition. We were successful again this year in our efforts to prepare our students for success in an ever changing society. Our school supports its students by providing an array of programs both curricular and extra curricular in a safe and nurturing environment. We are proud to have:

- 94 of 194 seniors entering higher education after graduation
- 81 potential Life Scholarship recipients
- 27 seniors received the MHS Diploma of Excellence (29 units, B average)
- 25 seniors with > 1050 SAT/PSAT - 23 seniors with a 3.0 and >1050 SAT/PSAT
- 51 percent of graduates took PSAT/SAT
- 44 students with >1100 PSAT/SAT
- 100 percent pass rate on Biology AP Exam
- Highest SAT score in our region at the State SAT Competition
- 3 teachers with National Board Certification
- A state award winning school newsletter (Fox Prints)
- 463 students had no discipline referrals
- 99 percent of seniors passed all portions of Exit Exam
- 7 consecutive years of "Honor with Distinction" rating for ROTC
- 10 students and 4 alternates accepted in Governor's School programs
- Academic assistance programs: Homework Center and tutoring
- Advancements in Technology: Internet, Power Point, broadcast studio, two-way interactive and one-way video/two-way audio distance learning, keyboarding, writing and EDL labs, digital cameras, CD writers, DVD players, an applied magic video editing system, Kurzweil Scan Read and Speech Recognition Programs, screen interactive computers, and continuous technology staff development

We will continue to improve our test scores, attendance, drop out rate, and character development. These improvements will be achieved through our curriculum initiatives such as Learning-Focused Schools and the Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative. We recognize that education is the responsibility of the entire community and seek your support to reinforce our efforts. Alfred McFadden

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	80.5	69.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.2	80.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	39.0	85.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 958 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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